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Re: Public Employees Health Fund Refund Project

The Hawaii Public Employees Health Fund (PEHF) ceased operations on June 30, 2003. The refund to employees is for their share of health benefit plan refunds that were made to the PEHF by some of its insurance carriers.

Health benefit plan refunds were made to the PEHF for certain PEHF plans for certain plan years between July 1, 1991 and June 30, 2003 (see below). This refund is being made to those who were enrolled as an active employee in at least one of these plans during a plan year for which refunds were made. **Please note that refunds are not available for persons who were enrolled in PEHF plans as a retiree or for persons enrolled in union-sponsored plans.**

PEHF plans for active employees and the plan years included in this refund are:

- (a) **HMSA Medical** for the periods July 1, 1991 through June 30, 1996, from July 1, 1997 through June 30, 1999, and from July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2003;
- (b) **HMSA Drug** for July 1, 1993 through June 30, 1995;
- (c) **HMO Hawaii** for July 1, 1996 through June 30, 1997;
- (d) **HDS Adult Dental** for July 1, 1996 through June 30, 2003; and
- (e) **VSP Vision** for the periods July 1, 1994 through June 30, 1995, and from July 1, 1996 through June 30, 1998.

The amount of refund was calculated under the procedures used by the PEHF in making prior refunds to PEHF employee-beneficiaries. In general, the amount is based on how much in refunds were received for a PEHF health benefit plan per plan year, and how long you were enrolled in that plan during that year. The PEHF procedures provided for a refund to be made to each eligible PEHF employee-beneficiary no matter how small the refund.

The method of allocating the distribution was based upon the number of months and level of coverage (Self or Family) that the participants had during the refund years.

If you paid for your PEHF health benefits plans on a pre-tax basis, you may be required to include this refund as part of your taxable income. Please check with your tax advisor as to the taxability of your refund.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. If I do not work for the State or County anymore - am I still entitled to this refund?

You should be getting a refund if you were enrolled as an active employee in the following PEHF plans (not union-sponsored plans) during certain years: HMSA, HMO Hawaii, HDS, or VSP.

2. I am a retiree – am I entitled to this refund?

You should be getting a refund if you were enrolled as an active employee in the following PEHF plans (not union-sponsored plans) during certain years: HMSA, HMO Hawaii, HDS, or VSP.

3. Why are state and county employees who participated in the Union plans not included in the refund?

We did not receive any refunds from insurance carriers for the union-sponsored plans. We only received refunds from the insurance carriers for the PEHF plans.

4. The check is made payable to my late father, mother or family member, can you make it payable to me?

Please write to us at the address listed below and include in your request the check, your name, address and phone number. We will send you a form to fill in and return to us.

5. Will I receive a Form 1099 for this refund?

No.

If you have any questions, please call us at (808) 586-2131 or e-mail us at hfundproject@hawaii.gov. You may also write to:

EUTF Administrator

Refund Project

P.O. Box 2121

Honolulu, Hawaii 96805-2121.

Please include your name, address, phone number and social security number (to expedite the process).